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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: A) BONN 7865; B) STATE 111833; C) BONN 7892

1. FOREIGN OFFICE (DANNENBRING) HAS INFORMED US THAT MINISTER GENSCHER WISHES 14 REPEAT 14 SEATS FOR HIS PARTY ON SECRETARY'S PLANE FROM BONN TO BERLIN, AS FOLLOWS: MINISTER AND MRS. GENSCHER, AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, KINKEL (GENSCHER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT) PLUS 10 REPEAT 10 GERMAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENTS. NO REPEAT NO SECURITY PERSONNEL WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE GENSCHER PARTY. WE REMINDED DANNENBRING (PER STATE 111833) THAT OFFER TO GENSCHER TO BRING PRESS ON PLANE WAS IN TERMS OF "A COUPLE OF SEATS." DANNENBRING UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT SAID HE GATHERED GENSCHER HAD DELIBERATELY CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS REPEAT OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE PRESS. DANNENBRING STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE GENSCHER ATTACHES TO INCLUSION OF HIS PRESS PARTY. WE SAID WE WOULD REFER MATTER TO DEPARTMENT WHERE IT WOULD BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF PLANE CAPACITY. ADVISE.

2. ONLY US PASSENGER BOARDING PLANE AT BONN WILL BE AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND.

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3. DANNENBRING HAS GIVEN US GENSCHER DECISION ON GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN MAY 20 WORKING DINNER (AND IN TALKS PRECEDING DINNER, IF IT IS AGREED TO SCHEDULE THESE), AS FOLLOWS: GENSCHER, STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOF, VAN WELL, VON STADEN, KINKEL, VON PACHELBEL, HERMES, DANNENBRING, PLUS INTERPRETER WEBER. ACCORDING TO DANNENBRING, INCLUSION OF HERMES IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN AT THIS POINT, BUT IS VERY LIKELY.
HILLENBRAND

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